THE BECCHER-TILTON TRIAL. THREE WITNESSES FOR THE DEFENSE

CALLED. MOWARD A OVINGION TESTIFIES TO IMPORTANT DECLARATIONS BY THE PLAINTIFF-MR. TILTON TELLS THE WITNESS THAT HIS WIFE WOULD SAY ANYTHING FOR HER HUSBARD-EVENTS BEFORE AND AFTER MRS. TILTON WAS EXAMINED BY THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE-MR. FUL-LERTON CONFUSES THE WITNESS - HOW MRS. TILTON HAS SPENT HER TIME SINCE SHE LEFT HER HUSBAND-\$875 RECEIVED FROM MR. STORRS FOR THE SUPPORT OF MRS, TILTON AND HER CHILDREN -A WITNESS TESTIFIES TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE WINSTED AFFAIR-MRS. OVINGTON IN THE WITNESS CHAIR.

The defense in the cause of Mr. Tilton against Mr. Beecher began the calling of their witnesses yester; day. Edward J. Ovington. with whom Mrs. Tilton has lived since she left her husband, was the first witness, and his testimony was in regard to certain interviews held with Mr. Tilton respecting the Bacon letter and concerning Mrs. Tilton's life in Mr. Ovington's house. Rufus E. Holmes of Winsted, Conn., gave testimony in respect to the circumstances of the visit of Mr. Tilton to Winsted which caused scandalous talk Mrs. Ovington was also a witness, but the Court adjourned before anything of interest was developed. Her examination will be continued to day. Mr. John L. Hill is conducting it.

TESTIMONY OF THE OPENING WITNESSES FOR THE DEFENSE.

The proceedings yesterday were ushered in with a fever of expectancy on the part of the spectators, but this gradually subsided as the day passed. The interest was revived about three-quarters of an hour before the closing by the testimony of a witness to the conduct of Mr. Tilton at Winsted, Conn., son years ago. The court in the morning waited several moments for Mr. Evarts, who finally arrived, and Mr. Shearman announced that necessity would oblige the defense to protheir witnesses a little out order. The name of Edward J. Ovington was then called, and that gentleman arose from a seat beside his wife and Mrs. Shearman, and took the witness chair. He is a tall, erect, well-knit man with a very light sandy beard and hair, and is apparently bashful and retiring in disposition. His direct examination ran smoothly. Mr. John L. Hill, who, since last Summer, has done considerable under-surface work for the defense, conducted the questioning. The testimony was chiefly in regard to events which followed the publication of the Bacon letter. Mr. Ovington testified that Mr. Tilton boasted that he (Mr. Tilton) could make his wife tell what he pleased, and that if she saw him commit the Nathan murder she would swear that he did not do it. By bringing out evidence of Mr. Tilton's great influence over his wife, it is intended to prove that by its aid he procured her confessions regarding the case. Mr Ovington said positively that Mr. Tracy only saw Mrs. Tilton about two minutes before she appeared before the Plymouth Investigating Committee. The cross-examination by Mr. Fullerton was mos

remarkable, and showed how completely a witness may become confused and embarrassed in the hands of a skillful lawyer. Not that Mr. Fullerton was barsh or severe, for he was just the opposite-smooth and polite-but he so tangled the story of the witness that the latter lost his self-possession, and beclouded his testimony with mistakes and contradictions. The cross-examination disclosed that Mr. Ovington had received \$875 from Augustus Storrs, which had been expended to fit out Mrs. Tilton's children for school, and for the support of Mrs. Tilton. Mr. Tilton has paid the school bills of the children at Washington, Conn. It was also brought out that Messrs. Evarts, Porter and the other lawyers for Mr. Beecher, have visited at Mr. Ovington's house, where Mrs. Tilton has been staying since last July. Also that Mr. Beecher called once soon after Mrs. Tilton appeared before the Investigating Committee, and that Mr. Ovington last Summer declined to tell Florence Tilton where her mother was whe Mrs. Tilton was visiting in Fairfield, Conn. Mr. Ovington is going to Europe on Saturday, Mrs. Tilton will remain with his family in Brooklyn.

Another witness who is going away was called yesterday out of the regular order-Rufus E. Holmes of Winsted, Conn. When Mr. Tilton lectured in that town he was the Vice-President of the Young Men's Christian Association there. He thought that the lady who was with Mr. Tilton at that time was 2; or 28 years of age; and he testified that he went to Mr. Tilton's room in the hotel at Winsted, and knocked twice As he was going away a lady opened the door, and Mr. Tilton's voice from within asked Mr. Holmes to want and they would go out together. Mr. Holmes declared that Mr. Tilton was on the bed with only pantaloons, shirt, and stockings on. The lady's hair and dress were disheveled. Mr. Fullerton, in cross-questioning the witness, brought out that Mr. Holmes went to Mr. Tilton's room by ap pointment, that no effort was made to conceal any thing after the door was opened, and that Mr. Holmes afterward introduced the plaintiff to his wife, sisters, and others.

That the jurymen are alert was made evident by the question of Mr. Carpenter, the foreman, who, before the witness stepped down, asked him if there was a fire in the room where Mr. Tilton and the lady were found. This was put in view of the plaintiff's statement that there was no fire in his own room, and that he therefore went to the lady's room, where there was one. Mr. Holmes corroborated Mr. Tilton's statement in regard to the presence of a fire in the room where Mr. Tilton was found by the witness.

Mrs. Maria N. Ovington, wife of Edward J. Ovington, was placed in the witness chair about 15 min ntes before the closing. The lady is an invalid, and she testified that until yesterday she has not been out of the house since last October. Little progress was made in her examination before the hour of ad journment arrived, and nothing of importance was developed. Mr. Hill is conducting Mrs. Ovington's

RIGHTENED INTEREST IN THE TRIAL. The court-room assumed a familiar appearance yesterday. During the delivery of Mr. Tracy's adgrees many well-known faces were absent, the jury men became drowsy, the audience was thinner, and there was a lack of the interest which arises from the production and examination of witnesses. Yes terday the counsel for both sides were early in their rlaces, Mr. Fullerton and Mr. Morris looking fresher for their vacation; Mr. Pry with a silk handkerchief about his neck, not yet recovered from his attack of diphtheria; and Mr. Beach pale and evidently suffering from a severe cold. Mr. Beecher and his wife oc cupied the chairs customarily used by them, and Mrs. Field, Mrs. Shearman, Mrs. Ovington, and Mrs. Tid bs sat near them. Mrs. Tilton was not present she is still at the bedside of her sick child Ralph, who is recovering.

Mr. Tilton sat behind his counsel all day, and varied his usual inactivity by writing suggestions upon slips of paper and passing them to Mr. Fuller ton to aid him in his cross-examination. Mr. Moul ton entered the court-room alone before the hour of opening, and sat behind Mr. Pryor. It was expected by him that Mr. Beecher would take the witnes chair, and as soon as Mr. Ovington was called Mr. Moulton left his seat and the court-room. He came back, however, and took a chair in the audience, where he remained all day, except during recess While Mr. Moulton was still among the lawyers, he bewed to Judge Neilson, who acknowledged the salute. Mr. Moulton also shook hands with Mr. Evarts. During the recess, Mr. Beecher and Mr. Beach accidentally met, and with great cordiality exchanged greeting, and some expressions which they used seemed to amuse themselves as well as those by whom they were surrounded.

During a part of the day Judge Learned of the Supreme Courd of this State, and Henry Varley, the English Eyang dist, occupied seats beside Judge

The examination of witnesses was marked by sev-

eral short, sharp passages between the lawvers which resieved the general duliness of the testimony. When 4 o'clock arrived, the Judge, whose sympathy was probably touched by the appearance of the invalid lady in the witness chair, very determinedly directed the examining lawyer to finish the examination, so that the lady would not have to comagain. The counsel protested that he could not finish, but Judge Neilson, aroused, ordered him to proceed, and it was not until Mrs. Ovington said that she did not object to coming again that he relented, and made the laughing comment that the

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majority was against him.

TESTIMONY OF MR. EDWARD J. OVINGTON. The Court opened as usual at eleven o'clock, and

he jurors being promptly in attendance, Judge Neilson reed the counsel for the defendant to proceed. Mr. Shearman-The first witness will be called a little out of

rder, if your Honor please. Edward J. Ovington was then called on behalf of the defend nt, sworn and examined by Mr. John L. Hill.

Q. Mr. Ovington, are you acquainted with the parties to this

Q. How long have you known them? A. Mr. Beecher about wenty-five years.

Q. And Mr. Tilton? A. Twelve years,
Q. Have you been a neighbor of Mr. Tilton's? A. Yes, Sir.
Q. When were you living near him, and please state where

is residence was, in relation to yours? A. His residence was Q. What was your number ? A. 125. Q. Livingston-st.? A. Livingston-s..., or 96 at that time—the

Q. And his? A His is now 174; I don't remember the old

Q. But it was within a block, you say? A. Within a block;

Q. Picase state how intimate your acquaintance was with Mr. and Mrs. Tilton? A. Well we were on calling acquaintance. Q. Frequent, or otherwise? A. Well, rather frequent for a ime: for the most part rather infrequent, Q. Any especial friendship between Mrs. Tilton and Mrs.

Q. How long had that continued, and when did it begin ? A Well, we began in the year 1868, I think, and continued from that time. Q. Continued from that time on? Are you certain of dates

Delegton V A Yes sir

Sir ? A. '67 or '78, I think it was.

MR. TILTON INDIFFERENT ABOUT HIS WIFE'S HEALTH.

Q. I will call your attention to the publication of the Bacon letter in June last; do you recollect having an interriew with Mr. Tilton soon after the publication of that letter? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. When, with reference to its publication? A. Three of

Q. Well, where? A. At his house; I called upon him Q. Please state the circumstances and what was a d between ou—the circumstances of the call? A. I called at his invitaon; he mentioned to my wife that he would like to see me

and I called upon him. Q. Well, go on and state what occurred? A. I told him that was sorry to find him in this trouble; I told him it was a very erious matter to bring this charge against Mr. Boecher; it would be a very great injury to the cause of religion. Mr. Til-ton said that it was not his own bringing, that if Mr. Boother ould do his duty and do justice to him he was willing to do no

more, to stop just there.

Q. Well, what else was said? A. Then I had considerable to say about his wife's appearance; remarked that she was looking in very bad condition of health, and he answered: "Oh! I think she is looking about as usual; " some indifferent remark,

don't remember what. Q. Well, what was his manner upon that occasion? A. Well. he was very hard on Mr. Beecher: said that he was not going to be called a fool and knave while Mr. Beecher knew that he was

Q. Yes; did he make any statement of what he proposed to o; if so, state it? A. Well, he said it was now his time for ection, and he proposed to fight it out from that moment;

Q. Of what kind? A. Figures of battle-axes and swords; and ne sword was he would not sheath his sword until Mr. Beecher

Q. Now, I would like you to state the day of the week when occurred, if you can? A. It must have been Tuesday; it was Tuesday. Q. On a Tuesday? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. Had you seen him before that after the Bacon letter was ublished? A. Yes; I saw him a few moments on the previous Q. Yes; at his house or where? A. At his house or in front

of his house; I called at his house in a carriage, driving out, and e came out and spoke to me a few words.

Q Now, that was the very latter part of June or the early part of July; when did you next see him to have an interview

with him? Mr. Fullerton-He has not stated that I think Mr. Hill-What?

Mr. Fullerton-He has not stated, I think, that it was in the

atter part of Jun was two or three days after the publi

Mr. Fullerton-Well, let it stand at that.

MR. TILTON PRAISES HIS WIFE'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Hill-When did you next see him, Mr. Oving ton? A. The next interview was at my house, I think.

Q. Can you recollect the time? A. It was about a week after

that; I don't recall the day.

Q. Can you recall the day of the week? A. Friday, I think. Q. What is it? A. Friday, it appears to me, but I

Q. You think it was a Friday, but you cannot recall the day.

here was this conversation which you now refer to held? A. In my house, or on the piazza of the house. Q. Who was present at it? A. My wife, and Mr. Tilton and

Q. Please begin now and give the conversation which there occurred between yourself and your wife and Mr. Tilton, as searly as you can? A. Well, Mr. Tilton opened the conversaion, saying: "Elizabeth made a fine impression before the Committee. Elizabeth is a trump, isn't she? But it was all fiction. I could come before the Committee and weave fiction; speak of Mr. Beecher and Elizabeth; but she only done what any true wife would do." My wife remarked that she didn't look and talk as though she was telling an untruth, and she didn't believe that she did. Mr. Tilton replied: "Oh, Libbie will tell any number of lies for me." Then my wife said something about Mrs. Tilton's appearance, that she was a very bad condition of health, and remarked that I had, when I came home from my interview aid that she looked death struck. Mr. Tilton said: "Oh not as bad as that." My wife then said that she was pleased to get a very pleasant letter from Mrs. Tilton the day previous, I think it was, and contrasted it with a letter that she had previously received, when she said that—a letter that was opposite in cha

Q. Yes; well, what then occurred? A. And Mr. Tilton

eter, a distressful letter.

Q. Speak a little louder? A. Mr. Tilton was inquisitive to know the contents of the letter. Mrs. Ovington-Q. You say he was inquisitive—did he ask? A. Well, he said: "How is that? Elizabeth has been writing you?" My wife said, "Yes." "And what did she say?" My wife told

Q. Well, what did your wife say? Can you recall? A. Of the

Q. Yes. A. Well, she repeated the letter in substance Q. Did she have the letter present? A. No. Sir, but I had heard it read and she repeated it. Q. Repeated the contents? A. The contents of the letter

Q. To Mr. Tilton? A. To Mr. Tilton. Q. Of which letter-the first one, or the second one ! A

Q. Both of them? A. Yes, Sir; virtually, Q. Now, can you recall what was said—in stating the con-cuts of that letter, I mean? A. Oh! I could not recall; no,

Q. Can you give the substance of it? A. Well, no, except

he first was a sad letter and the second a cheerful one. ould not give the substance of it. Q. That is your memory; can you state the contents of the

amunications if you were to look at the letters, Mr. Ovingon? A. Yes, Sir.
Judge Nellson-Rather, can you state what was said on that

ecasion in respect to the contents ? Mr. Hill—I have asked him; he says he cannot state. Judge Nellson-Well, that is still the question

Mr. Hill-Certainly. Mr. Fullerton-No; the question now is whether he could

state the contents if he saw them.

Judge Nelbox—Of course he could read the letter. [Papers

handed to witness.] See if those papers refresh your reco on so that you can repeat what was said on that occasion iton in giving the contents of the first letter.

each - [To the witness.] Please close the letter. The Witness-Which is the first letter-this? Fullerton-Well, that is what you are to find out,

Mr. Hill-Well, you can look, Mr. Ovington, If you can Mr. Beach-It is the sad letter. The Witness-[Looking at the letter.] Yes; that is about

wist was said. Q. Well, go on and state what was said.

Mr. Reach—Watt one moment. I meye that that be stricken

Judge Nellson-Yes, that is stricken out. Mr. Ovington, after aving exam ned those papers, close them, and then the question is whether you can recollect and state the substan

after refreshing his recollection by the memorandum the wit-ness must be able to state from his recollection, independently of the memorandum, what the conversation was.

Mr. Hill-Well, I desire simply to obtain the state of the

ecollection with reference to that subject. Judge Neilson-No. Sir.

letter, I suppose that it is proper that he should do it. If he can-not, I suppose that he may refer to the letter, or that the letter and the statement may go in together, if he cannot recoilect the

Mr. Beach Well, we dispute that proposition. Judge Neilson-There is no occasion, gentlemen, for any ar

Mr. Morris And how long is the witness to have to comm Judge Neilson-The simple direction to this witness is this

to examine those papers and see if they refresh his recollec-tion; then to close the letters, and then state from his recollecion as thus refreshed, so far as he can, what was said to Mr.

Tilton on that occasion as to the contents of the letters. The Witness-Well, I cannot commit these to memory, you Honor, and then repeat them.

Q. Well, give the substance of what your wife said now, it riving the contents of the first letter? Mr. Beach-I submit that the witness cannot testify with his eyes resting upon the table. Judge Neilson-No; my suggestion was that he could ex

Mr. Hill-Mr. Ovington, his Honor has just suggested the you close the letter.

Judge Nellson—After having examined it, . .

Mr. Hill-After having examined it a sufficient time to re

resh your recollection. Now, if you can state the contents

the first letter. Mr. Fullerton-I object to that,

Judge Neilson-No; that is not it at all Mr. Illil-Or state what your wife said in regard to the conents of the letter.

Judge Neilson—Yes; that is better. A. I cannot recollect it. Q. You cannot recoilect it? A. No, Sir.

Mr. Hill-Then I offer the letter, together with his statement Mr. Beach-(To the witness.) Oh! please don't be reading

Judge Neilson-I do not see, at present, how the letter can Mr. Hill-Very well, I will ask one other question, then. Mr.

Ovington, did your wife state to Mr. Tilton the contents of this Mr. Pullerton-I object to that Sir. In the first place, it is eading; and, in the second place, he don't know whether she

Judge Neilson-He cannot recollect what was said about th ontents of the letter, and therefore be cannot answer the

Mr. Hill-I am asking him, with the letter before, him if his wife stared the contents of this letter to Mr. Tilton? The Witness-She did. Judge Neilson-You can ask him what his wife said

Mr. Hill-Well, Sir, what did your wife say in regard to the ntents of this letter. Did she say anything, and if so, what . She repeated the contents of them; I had just heard them end, and I knew that what she was saying was the contents of Q. You cannot recall what she then said? A. What she

said. I cannot recollect. Mr. Beach-I object to the answer, and move to strike it

Mr. Hill-I submit that it is proper. Judge Nellson - The statementitiat she has read them and that

here members the contents is stricken out; I suppose it was not called for by your question. Mr. Hill-I don't understand what your Honor strikes out.

Judge Nellson - The statement that he had heard the letters ead, and that his wife on that occasion repeated them correct v. is stricken out, because it was not called for by your ques Mr. Hill-Well, Sir, I asked if the witness stated the contents

of these letters to Mr. Tilton.

Mr. Beach. That was objected to and ruled out. Then you asked the witness what his wife did state, and he made this rresponsive and improper answer.

M. Hill—I understand your Honor's raling to be the striking

out of that part of the answer which he made as not responsive to my question. I now put a question to which it shall be re-Judge Neilson-What is your question?

etter as he had previously heard it read?

Judge Neilson -That involves a comparison between what he beard before and what was stated them. Your inquiry should be, what was stated then,

Mr. Hill-Now, I ask if his wife did state the contents of this

Mr. Hill -Well, Sir, I derire to prove by the witness that she tated the contents of the letter. He says that he cannot recollect what the contents were now, even after looking at the

Judge Nedson-He cannot remember what was stated as the contents. That seems to embrace the examination. If the witness cannot remember, why, then, you should pass on to some-

Mr. Hill-Well, Sir, I desire to offer the letter in evidence in ction with this testimony. Mr. Beach-It is objected to

Judge Neilson-It cannot be received. Mr. Hill- [To THE TRIBUNE Stenographer.] Mark it for iden-

Mr. Evarts Your Honor will note our exception Hetter marked "Exhibit D. 111." for identification.

-Can you recall what she said in regard to the con ents of the second letter? A. She said something about her being as happy as a bird on that day.

Mr. Hill—[To Judge Neilson.] Inasmuch as this letter is now

narked, I will except to your Honor's ruling. [To the witness.] New go on, Mr. Ovington. A. I cannot recall the phraseology; simply that she was happy, and everything was going on othly, and the letter closed by, "Bless the Lord, oh, my I remember that. Q. Now, Mr. Ovington, go on with the conversation which oc-

urred there after the statement about the letters? A. He said: "Mr. Beecher never loved any other woman as he loves Eliza-beth. Mrs. Beecher he never loved; Mrs. Beecher made his home a hell, and as long as he loves Elizabeth so why does he not treat her like a man? Why don't be come forward and help her? He is a coward and poltroon. I would not treat a woman so who had given me all a woman can give. Why does he let her let her only cool rooms in the house to boarders,

Q. Anything else, in that connec ion I mein? A. Nothing further. He continued to call Mr. Heecher a coward. Q. What else did he say on any other topic? A. He then said: Mrs. Tilton has only done the duty of a wife in coming for ward and lying for me." He then said: "If I had committed the Nathan murder, and Mrs. Tilton was a witness of it, do you suppose she would testify to the truth?" He said, "No, ined," and appealed to my wife if she would not do the same

Q. If she would not do what? A. If she would not testifyif she would testify to the truth if her husband was up for the Nathan murder, charged with the Nathan murder, and she a witness of it. My wife replied that she would not to convict an innocent man-she would sacrifice her husband rather than in innocent man should suffer—some on h reply as that,

O. Well, go on; anything further? A. I don't know that I can recall anything further.

Q. At that time. Was anything said about the conversation ing confidential? A. Yes, Sir; as he left he said: "This con versation is confidential, but you can repeat it all to Elizabeth.

Q. Speaking to your wife? A. Speaking to my wife, yes

Q. When did you see Mr. Tilton after that? A. The second

GEN. TRACY'S INTERVIEWS AT THE OVINGTONS.

Q. Mr. Ovington, let me call your attention, or ask you if you saw Mr. Tilton within a day or two prior to the on which you have now referred to upon the plazza, a conversation when Gen. Tracy was present? A. Yes, Sir. Q. Well, please state what occurred then. Who was present at the conversation when Gen. Tracy and Mrs. Tilton was also present, and where did it take place? A. Judge Morse and myself, if that is the interview that you refer to.

Q. When was that, with reference to this last conversation which you have now given? A. The second day previous, I think.

Q. That would be on Wednesday, as near as you can locate it? A. Yes, Sir. Q. Very well. Do you recollect the day, Mr. Ovington, when Mrs. Tilton appeared before the Committee of Flymouth Church? A. On the 6th of June.

O. On the 6th of July. Where were you on that day? A.

Q. On the 6th of June? A. On the 6th of July.

Q. You were present when she was before the Committee, do you mean? A. Yes, Sir. Q. Where were you during the afternoon of that day? A. I

Q. Did you see Gen. Tracy that day? A. Yes, Sir. Q. About what time did you see him? A. In the evening about half-past six, I should judge.

Q. Well, who did he see when he came to your house? A. He saw my wife and myself.

Q. Who else? A. No one, I think, when he first came to the house. Q. Then he went away, you say? A. Yes, Sir. Q. Did he call again? A. He then returned in a half hour, I Q. Who was present then, and whom did he see? A. Only

my wife and myself.
Q. At your house was this? A. Yes, Sir.
Q. Was he introduced to Mrs. Tilion at any time there, and if

so, by whom? A. Not up to that time. Afterwards he was in-

troduced by Judge Morse.
Q. And the interview between Mrs. Tilton and Gen. Tracy red in Judge Morse's presence? A. Yes, Sir. Q. Did you see the General again that day? A. Well, he reed then through the evening while Mrs. Tilton was giving er evidence before the Committee.

Q. The Committee then came to your house, as I understand R? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. Now, had Gen. Tracy any interview with Mrs. Tilton, or nversation with her which was not in the presence of either you or your wife, or the Committee? A, No, Sir.

Mr. Beach-How can he speak when he was not present? Mr. Hill-I den't know. Mr. Beach-Well, he can say. The question called upon him o speak in reference to matters when he was absent; it so as-

Q. Well, I will ask you, Mr. Ovington, were you present all the while that Mr. Tracy was in the house on that occasion,

pon each of these interviews? A. Except one, Sir. Q. Well, where was that, and when was it? A. Gen. Tracy alled down stairs, where my wife and Mrs. Tilton were taking

supper, to tell her that the Committee had come. Q. Never mind what he said there. How long were they

Mr. Beach-How long were who down there? Mr. Hill-Gen. Tracy and Mrs. Ovington and Mrs. Tilton, to gether, I meau. A. Oh! just long enough to go and return.
Q. A very few minutes? A. About two minutes I should

Q. And then the General came up stairs and remained in your presence until he went away?

Mr. Pullerton—One moment. Don't tell him the story. Ask

A. Yes Sir : the General came up and remained with the mittee, and with us, all through the evening. Q. Mr. Ovington, please state to his Honor and the jury your uninees. A. A merchant in Brooklyn.
Q. How long have you been engaged in business here? A.

28 years-29 years. Q. Where do you earry it on, Sir? A. On Fulton-st., near

Q. State the place. A. 250 Pulton, near Clinton-st. Q. Just state the fine of your business in a general way. A. mporter of fancy goods, china and bronzes.
Q. Are you about to go away from the city now? A. Yes,

Q. When do you expect to go? A. On Saturday.

Going where? A. To Europe.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MR. OVINGTON. Mr. Fullerton-Mr. Ovington, where has Mrs. Tilton made her home for the last four months? A. At my

Q. When did she go there first to make it her home? A. The early part of July.

Q. Do you recollect the day? A. I do not, the day of the reck; it mu-t have been July 8th.

Q. 18747 A. Yes, Sir. Q. What time in the day did she come there? A. Early i Q. How early? A. I should think about half-past seven.

WHERE MRS, TILTON HAS LIVED SINCE LEAVING HER HUSBAND. Q. And she has made it her home there ever since? Yes, Sir; except that she has been out of town for a short

ime visiting with my wife. Where did she visit? A. At Fairfield, Connecticut. Q. In whose families, or in what families did she visit? A. I not recall the names; I am not acquainted with them-board-

ing-houses.

Q. Does your wife know the families with whom she visited Q. Did she go to visit strangers? A. She went, as she is in the habit of doing, out of town in the Summer months. Q. Then she did not go visiting? A. No; not visiting; no,

Q. She went to spend the Summer, did she? A. To spend thort time; yes, Sir.
Q. Did you visit her while she was there? A. I did not Q. Can you not give me the name of the family or the house

which she remained during her absence? A. I cannot recall Q. How long was she absent during the Summer. A. I should hink about four or five weeks altogether. Q. And where were you during those four or five weeks? A

Q. And did not visit her during that time? A. No, Sir. Was she absent from Brooklyn at any other place since he time she went to live at your house up to the present time A. She spent a short time in Washington, Connec

Q. When was that? A. It must have been the early days of Q. With your wife? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. Where did they spend the time then? A. With Mr. Gunn Mr. Gunn? A. Yes, Sir. What place in Connecticut? A. Washington What is his first name? A. I don't remember. Q. Was it a boarding-house? A. Yes, Sir; a school, not a

Q. Do you know the name of the school? A. It is called Q. The Gunnery? A. Yes, Str.

Q. Who is the proprietor of it-Mr. Gunn? A. Mr. Gunn; Q. A large school? A. I think it is. ladies' school-girls' school? A. Yes, Sir; men's

Q. Did you visit her whilst she was there? A. No. Sir.
Q. How long did your wife and Mrs. Tilton remain there A. I should say about a week; I don't remember the exact Q. Now, was your wife absent at any other time during the

inmer at any other place except the two that you have named? A. She stopped a few days at another place.

Q. Where was that? A. I cannot remember where now. Q. Did you visit her at the Gunnery ? A. No. Sir. Q. Did you visit her at this other place that you cannot rec-

Lecty A. No. Sir. Q. Now, you have named three places at which your wife was absent during the Summer with Mrs. Tilton. Is the other place where they spent any portion of the time? A. I

Q. Where did they spend the balance of their time interdiare to the time she came to your house up to the present day? A. At my house, Q. Altogether? A. Yes, Sir. Q. In all of your wife's absences, then, during the Summer

Q. And during the remaining period she has been in you family? A. Except occasional visits of a day or two to friends in New Jersey.
Q. Where had she visited in New Jersey? Mr. Hill-If he knows.

Tilton went with her, if I understand you? A. Yes, Sir.

Mr. Fullerton-I don't suppose he will tell if he don't know. fon must not distrust your own witness. The Witness-She visited Montclair. Q. How long? A. Only a day or two.

Q. Did your wife go with her? A. No, Sir.
Q. How long was she absent? A. Not more than two days. Q. Do you know how she went? A. How she went? Q. Yes, Sir; how did she get to Montelair? A. She went to

e ferry and crossed the ferry and crossed the city and took the cars, I presume. Q. Then she went by rail, did she? A. Yes, Sir. Q. Did you put her on board the cars? A. No, Sir.

Do you know who did? A. I do not know. Q. Did your wife go with her? A. No, Sir. Did any one go with her? A. Yes, Sir. Q. Who did? A. I presume Mr. Tubbs went with her. Mr. who? A. Mr. Tubbs.

Q. Who is Mr. Tubbe? A. He is an old resident here Q. Friend of your family ? A. Not until recently. How recently ? A. Two or three mouths.

Where does Mr. Tubbs reside ? A. At Montclair.

He came over after her, did he? A. Yes, sir.
Did you correspond with Mr. Tubbs? A. No, sir. Q. Do you know whether anyone corresponded with him, a reference to that visit? A. He was in the habit of calling at the house; I think there was no correspondence.

Q. And he went away from your house in company with her did he? A. I presume so; I dont know that

Q. Do you know who returned with her ? A. Mr. Tubbs. Q. Mr. Tubbs returned with her-brought her to your house? A. Yes, Sir. Q. After two or three days' absence ? A. Yes, Sir. Q. Has she been absent any other time than those you have named? A. Yes, Sir; she went up to "the Gunnery," if I

Q. The second time? A. Yes, Sir; the second time. Q. When was that? A. I should think in January; I won' Q. Of the present year? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. Who went with her there? A. I don't know. Q. Did any one? A. I think so; yes, Str. Q. And don't you know who it was? A. No, Sir. Q. Didn't your wife go with her? A. No. Sir. Q. Any member of your family go with her? A. No. Sir. Q. Where you present when she left the house ? A. No. Sir. Q. How? A. No, Sir, I was not. Q. And you cannot tell us who went with her? A. I don't

member now; no, Sir.

Sir; I know that some one went with her,
Q. How do you know that fact? A. From the fact of her inquiring who could go with her. Q. Of whom did she make the inquiry? A. She talked with us in regard to it. Q. Who do you mean by "us"? A. My wife and myself.
Q. She consulted you then as to who should go with her; did anggest ? A. No, Sir ; I did not,

Q. Did your wife suggest in your presence? A. She imay

Q. Can you tell whether any one went with her? A. Yes,

Q. Don't you recollect that she did so ? A. Yes, Sir; I do ber that she did suggest; but I don't know who she auggested

Q. Don't you remember now who she suggested? A. No. Q. It was thought to be a matter of importance that so er person should go with her, was it not? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. And don't you remember that some proper person was suggested? A. I remember that Mrs. Morse was suggested; whether she went or not, I don't know. Q. Mrs. Morse was suggested. Now, who suggested Mrs.

MRS. TILTON'S VISITORS.

Q. You have mentioned a call by Mr. Tracy ! A. Yes, Sir.

When was that call made? A. On the 6th of July.

Q. That you knew of? A. Yes, Sir; that I knew of.

Q. Were you home when he called? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. From whom did you learn the fact that the Comm

Q. Where did you first see Mr. Tracy in the house after his

arrival? A. In the upper room.

Q. What upper room? A. The front bed-room, over the

Q. How did it happen that you were up there? A. I was de

Q. Who brought Mr. Tracy up there? A. I think he was

Q. Do you know, of your own knowledge, how long Mr.

Tracy had been in the house before he was unhered into your

Q. Did the bell ring more than once that day? Yes, Sir,

Q. Were you at the door when persons visiting the hou

Q. Could you distinguish, then, being up stairs in your sick

oom, between the advent of Mr. Tracy and any other person

Q. How long had you been up-stairs before he was ushered

was ushered into your room ? A. Oh, I think I had been ther

You saw him come in the house, then? A. I heard the

Q. And you were in the upper front room ? A. Yes, Sir.

. That he called first at our house?

llect? A. No. Sir: I do not.

parlor ; I was sick-detained home.

resence? A. Ob, I know that he came——
Q. Of your own knowledge? A. Yes, Sir.

who might have rung the bell? A. No. Sir.

Q. How long ? A. Two or three hours.

Q. It might happen ? A. Yes, Sir; they might co

you acknowledged that you didn't see him come in,

s going on down in the hall, and I generally asc

Q. That you heard a bell ring, and supposed that son

about it? A. I don't understand the question.

Q. Generally speak? A. Always speak.

Q. You cannot recall it? A. No, Sir.

Q. I think you have too ? A. Yes.

Q. You are sure of it? A. Absolutely sure.

to your room? A. It could not be possible. No.

Q. Always? A. They ask the servant if Mr. Ovington is in

Q. Then how can you state positively that you knew when

Q. But I must ask you a little further about it ? A. I am

Q. Can't see at all. Did you get up that day to go to the

Q. Then his calls were not unusual, were they? He had made

none? A. No.

Q. And do you think that because he had never called before

Q. You would be more spt to remember that he came right

Q. You had never met him before ! A. Yes, Sir; I had met

Q. Where had you met him? A. Met him at the church,

hink I had had but one interview with him; one or two.

Q. A speaking acquaintance? A. I had spoken with him.

Q. Then he was not a stranger, was he? A. Comparatively

Q. Did you know that Gen. Tracy was coming ! A. No, Sir.

Q. Hadn't it been suggested or intimated to you that he was

Q. Now, Mr. Ovington, just reflect a moment. Before Gen. Tracy visited you that day had it not been intimated to you that

se would come, or some one else would come to your house, on

Q. Had not you heard that he was coming? A. No, Sir.

Q. How? A. I shou'd be more apt to remember it.

Q. Was he a stranger to you? A. Yes. Sir.

Q. Did you hear that, that day? A. I presume I did.

Q. Did you hear that, that day? A. I cannot recall it.

n an upper room of the house? A. It is a very small house

wthout ringing the bell? A. Yes, sir,

tained home by sickness.

Q. In bed? A. No, Sir.

hown up by the servant.

were admitted? A. No, Sir.

A. Yes, Sir.

was not down stairs.

rings at the bell.

know about it?

They generally speak.

have stated as near as I can.

in the house? A. Yes. Q. Positive? A. Yes, sir.

mmer always.

that was the first call.

emember it-be more apt to.

efore? A. Being a stranger.

m once or twice.

oming! A. I think not.

too loud for the jury.

Mr. Hill-How?

behalf of Mr. Beecher? A. I think not, Sir.

your remarks can be heard by the jury.

Mr. Hill-Can you hear us?

Q. You are not sure ? A, I am almost sure.

ix o'clock, or so.

tirely so ; yes, sir.

What time in the day was it that Mr. Tracy called first?

question. A. I thought you did. I beg pardon.
Q. No, I didn't. I will repeat it. Before Mr. Tracy arrived Morse? A. I think likely Mrs. Tilton did. Q. That is Mrs. Tilton's mother, is it not? A. Yes, Sir.

at your house, had you no intimation the on behalf of Mr. Beecher, would call? ntion that he, or som Mr. Evarta-By that question, does Mr. Fullerton accum-Q. Now, was there any other absence than those you have samed? A. I think not, Sir; I don't recall any.

Mr. Fullerton-I do.

Mr. Hill -I am speaking to Mr. Evarta

Mr. Fullerton -I cannot help that, Sir.

Judge Neilson-No. Mr. Tracy or somebody else on behalf Mr. Evarts-Exactly. Judge Neilson-It don't imply that Mr. Tracy called on behalf

Mr. Beach. There is no necessity of speaking quite so lond

The Witness-I am prepared to say that I did not know that

Mr. Tracy was coming in.
Q. Well, I am prepared to say that I did not ask you thes

of Mr. Beecher; somebody else. Mr. Beach-Strike out the "else" or "some one on behalf of Q. Will you state, if you please, during the period that Mrs. Tilion has been at your house, whether she has had

Mr. Fullerton-Yes, Str. many or few persons to call upon her? A. Rather few, I should Mr. Evarts-I had heard no evidence that Gen Tracy had say; or, at least, she has seen few; many have called, and-Q. Many have called, and few were chosen, I suppose? A.

called on behalf of Mr. Beecher. Pullerton Not yet. Mr. Evarts- Well, the past is secure.

Mr. Fullerton—The future is not, for you.

Q. Now, Sir, will you be kind enough to answer the question? Q. How? A. On the 6th of July.
Q. Are you sure of the day? A. Well, presuming that that A. Ask it again, please. Q. I will ask the reporter to read it for fear I might not do vas the date that she went before the Committee, that was the

t distinctly enough. [Question repeated by the Turnews stenographer.] A. I had not.

Q. Yes, Sir; that you know of; on that day—whatever day it was that he did call? A. Towards evening; I should think,

Q. Did you know, at that time, of the appointment of this ommittee of the church? A. No, Sir. Q. How long did he remain in your room in your company, Q. You were in ignorance of that fact, were you? A. Eu and in your wife's company? A. I should my five minutes five or ten minutes, perhaps,

Tilton? A. I think she was up stairs. appointed? A. From my wife.

Q. When did you first learn it? A. That same evening; or perhaps, at that very interview; I don't remember.

Q. Who met Mr. Tracy at the door when he came; do you Q. Are you sure? A. If she was in the house, she was or Q. Why does that follow? She did not always stay up stairs

quested me to give her a Bible to go up stays to be alone?

Q. Do you recollect that distinctly? A. Yes, Sir. Q. She wanted a Bible to go up stairs to be alone? A. Ten

Q. And how long before Gen. Tracy arrived did she say that?

A. I should think a half hour or so. Q. How? A. Half an hour, perhaps; it might have been longer: I cannot recall, Q. Then how do you know that she remained up stairs dor-

Q. When did you next see her after she left your room that day, under those efficientances ? A. I think at the interview with Mr. Morse-with her father.

Q. Yes. Did your wife leave the room at the same time? A

Q. She remained with you? A. I think so.
Q. How long did she remain in your company after Mr. Tracy left? A. I don't remember. Q. About how long? A. I really could not say, Mr Fuller-Q. Is it impossible for a person to get into your house Q. Did Mr. Tracy go down stairs after he left your room? A.

the house before leaving, of your own knowledge? A. I knew that he went right out in the street; I heard the door shat.

Q. And therefore you knew that he went out because you the servant, perhaps.

Q. Now, will you explain to this jury as an intelligent man, Mr. Ovington, how you are enabled to say that you know when Mr. Tracy came into your house when

have seen him; I may have seen him from the window. Q. Well? A. And when the bell rings, I can hear just what Q. Well, did you or did you not see him to enable you to swear positively that it was he who went out? A. I did not

entered the house; yes, Sir.

Q. You could tell, then, who entered the house that day, be seen him go out are you enabled to swear positively that he did go out? A. Yes. Sir; I will swear that he went out. cause you generally inquired who rung the bell; is that your Q. Yes. Well that is got along to. Do you know of your own knowledge that he did not remain in the lower part of the

Q. Positively: A. Positively.
Q. How long after he left the house, as you say he did, before Q. And that that somebody you conjectured was Mr. Tracy

Q. Is not that all you know about it. Is that all you know Q. Was he in the parlor when you entered it? A. I think Q. Then you should not have answered it? A. Is that all I

And you were there when he entered ? A. I think se

Q. What time did she go out? A. Well, I . a's remember Q. What sid she want of her father : A. Wanted to convolt

she proposed laking to consult with some of the members of the church—some of the brethern of the church—as she termed

Q. How long had the Tilton-Bacon letter been published A. A week or ten days, I think.

head of the stairs to see who had entered? A. No, Sir; I don't

Q. Do you remember exactly how long it was after you heard

Mr. Hill Pardon me, I am asking the question. Mr. Fullerton-1 don't know anything more about it than what he has stated. I don't keep my memory up for you. attend to my own branch of the case as well as I can, and I know no more about it than what he has stated. [To the wit

Q. Did they talk in your presence? A. Yes, Sir. Q. And in the presence of your wife? A. Yes, Sir. Did you see Mrs. Tilton leave the house to go after bed that, therefore he came right up? A. No, Sir; that I should

Q. Do you recollect when she left? A. No, Sir; that I cannol

up stairs after ringing the bell, because he had never called Q. Before Mr. Tracy left? A. She said she had to go to pro pare supper for her boarders.

> taken there. Q. Yes. Now you have an opportunity of correcting it? A.

Q. Almost, not quite. Why do you heatate in regard to ft,

that she had to prepare supper for her boarders.

Q. Where was Mr. Tracy when she said that? A. I don't think I heard her say that, though,

Q. No intimation ! A. No. Sir. Q. Had you no intimation that some one would call at your nouse that day before the call was made ? A. No, Sir. Q. Who was in your room when Mr. Tracy entered? A My

Q. Any one else? A. No. Sir.

Q. And during that five or ten minutes, where was Mrs.

when she was in the house, did she? A. Because she k

Q. She said all that, did she? A. Yes, sir.

ing that half hour? A. I do not know; I presume the was up Q. Yes: it was a pre-sumption of yours? A. Yes, Sir.
Q. You did not see her go up, did you? A. I saw her leave the room, and heard her go up; yes, sir, I do swear that she was up there.

Q. How long after she left your room was it that you saw her in the presence of Judge Morse? A. I should say about an

Q. Where did Gen. Tracy go after he left your room after Q. Then I put the question to you again. Do you know, of being there as you have stated? A. He left the house.

Q. Did you see him leave the house? A. He left the rooms our own knowledge, when Mr. Tracy arrived at the house; Q. You saw him come in, did you? A. No, Sir; I know he

Q. It is; quite impossible? A. Except with a night key.
Q. They could not be let in by any other person without ringing the bell, could they? Not very well; no. Sir. Q. Do you know how long he remained in the lower part of

> Q. You swear positively that it was he that went out? A. Q. Although you did not see him? A. I do not remember to

Q. Well, if you generally ascertained who rung the bell, did Q. You did not see him? Not that I remember,

Q. That is your answer. Now, Mr. Ovington, do you know how long tien. Tracy was in that house before he came to your room, of your own knowledge? A. I know it only in that nouse a half an hour before he left? A. Yes, Sir.
Q. And do you know of your own knowledge that Mrs. Tilters
was not down there with him? A. Yes, Sir.

> Q. Where were you when he entered the house the second A 1 think I was in the parlor.

oas down stairs at that interview.

Q. Who was in the parlor when he entered beside yourself? in the room and did not see him enter? A. If any one enters the house I hear their voice from my room; the house is small. I think only my wife. Q. You don't hear the voice unless they speak, do you? A Where was Mrs. Tilton at that time? A.

Q. Wanted to consult. A. To consult with him.

Q. About what? A. About this scandal matter, Q. About this scandal matter; what was going on about this scandal matter? A. Well, the Tilton-Bacon letter had been published, and she had determined to take some step in the

she was not aware of the appointment of the Committee.

Q. Now, what brethren of the church was she going to con-Q. it could not have been possible. Very well, I am glad to get that. You know it was not I who rung that bell and came only A. She did not designate, did not say.

> Q. And this was the first that the conclusion was arrived at that something was to be done in regard to it, was it? A. That

Mr. Hi !- What persons are you speaking of?

abled to say that you know that he came right up? A. His calls were very unusual, you know, and I remarked it. ness. | Was there any consultation at your house? A. No, Elec. Q. Did Judge Morse come back with Mrs. Tilton? A. Yea Q. His calls were unusual, and you remarked it; now, prsy tell us how many calls he had made before that. A. I think

father, Judge Morse! A. I don't recollect.

Q. Now, Mr. Ovington, perhaps you will explain one thing then.
If Mrs. Tilton left before Gen. Tracy left, how were you enabled to state a moment ago that Mrs. Tilton was up stairs with her Bible when Mr. Tracy left A. Yes; I think I was mis-

asked for a Bible. Q. Earlier in the afternoon? A. Yes, Sir, Q. Rarller than what? A. Earlier than six o'clock.

Q. Well, we will commence anew? A. Well, Sir.

if you are not sure? [To Mr. Hill.] You are talking a little Q. Now, you say she came down and left the house before Mr. Tracy did? A. Yes, Slr, because I remember her saying

that enable you to tell who rung the bell that day ? A. Who Q. Well, I put the question to you again, without having

you saw him a min ? A. I should say 15 or 20 minutes.

Q. Where did you see him then? A. In the parier, down

 Q. And where was he if you did not see him in the parker?
 A. He entered the house from the street.
 Q. And came to the parker?
 A. Yes, Sir, the house when you heard a certain bell ring, but you don't know it of your own knowledge! A. Why, yes: I knew that it was he. I do know it of my own knowledge; Q. Or were you up stairs in your room? A. No, I think 1 Q I want you to tell how you knew when you were up stalts

in the mean time she had gone out to get her father, and I

Q. How? A. She wished to consult with him.
Q. Do you know about what? A. In regard to the step that Gen. Tracy came in, if you didn't hear his voice ? A. Well, I

sure that he was not in the house a moment, Sir, before he Q. You swear to it positively? A. Yes. Sir.
Q. That he was not in the house a moment before he came: Q. Anything said about the Committee? A. No. Sir; I think

Q. Did you designate? A. No, Sir.
Q. Where was the consultation to be held? A. That was not Q. The door of your room shut or open? A. Open in the Q. Can you see from your room where you were sitting lown stairs to the front door? A. No, Sir, I could not see to

was the first day?
Q. Yes. A. No. Sir.
Q. The first day that any consultation was proposed? A. No.

bell ring before Mr. Tracy came to your room? A. About Mr. Fullerson-The very persons that the witness is specito Q. I ask you if you recollect positively how long it was? I remember that he came right up: yes, Sir.
Q. You have a distinct recollection of that, have you? A. Well, no; I can not say that I have a very distinct recollec-Q. If you have not a distinct recollection, how are you en

Q. Where did they sit-in the parlor? A. Yee, Sir.

Q. Was it before or after Mr. Tracy left? A. Ob, it was be

Q. What has six o'clock got to do with our examination at the resent moment? It has not been mentioned before. A. Well, t was earlier in the afternoon; perhaps it was three or four

Q. Now, when did Mrs. Tilton go up-stairs; was it before of after Mr. Tracy came there? A. It was before,

Mr. Beach-We say that you are talking a little too loud, and.

I think that must have been earlier in the afternoon that she came in and said to me that she would like to be alone, and